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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 470  
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A RESOLUTION To congratulate Tommie Pardue and Cherrie Holden, the first Mother & Daughter team named by *Memphis Woman* magazine as two of "50 Women Who Make A Difference."

WHEREAS, In its June/July 2001 issue *Memphis Woman* magazine names fifty dynamic women as "Women Who Make a Difference"; two of these outstanding designees were the mother-daughter duo Tommie Pardue and Cherrie Holden; and

WHEREAS, Tommie Pardue has made an indelible mark on her community as a dedicated patron and volunteer of the arts; she is President of the Germantown Performing Arts Centre Guild, and a member of the Board of Governors for the Memphis Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Memphis Arts Council Center of Arts Education Board, the Tennessee Arts Commission Music Panel, and the Governor's School of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pardue also serves on the Board of the Germantown Performing Arts Centre, "Play it Again, Memphis", the Tennessee Arts Academy, the Memphis Vocal Arts Ensemble, as Chair of the Family Arts Series, and the Tennessee Music Educators Association,

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and served five years on the Board of the Mid-South Coliseum, including serving as Chair in 1998-99; and

WHEREAS, Tommie Pardue has been honored with the "Lifetime Achievement in the Arts" Award, is listed in *International Who's Who in Music*, *International Who's Who in Education* and *Who's Who of Women Executives*, was a Finalist for the Community Service and Lifetime Achievements Awards presented at the Premier Player Awards by NARAS, and was co-author of "Teaching Strategies to Meet the National Standards in Music" published by the Music Educators National Conference; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pardue is the widow of the late H. Gerald Pardue and is the proud parent of Janie and her husband, Dr. Steve Charles, Cherrie and her husband Rich Holden, and Rhea and her husband Billie Swaze; she is the loving grandmother of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Cherrie Holden is the 7th District Representative to the Tennessee State Board of Education, the policy-making body for Tennessee's public elementary and secondary school system, and is Governor Don Sudquist's lay-judge appointment to the Tennessee Court of the Judiciary, which has the duty of investigating charges against judges; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holden has an outstanding history of community service, including service as a host at WCRV Radio; membership on the Tennessee PTA Board of Managers, the Tennessee History Day Board of Advisors, and the Board of Advisors for the Ben Hooks Institute for Social Change; service as a regional and state judge for Tennessee Destination Imagination; Chairmanship of the State Board of Education Parent Involvement Subcommittee; and membership in the Soulsville U.S.A. Grassroots Advisory Committee, the Shelby County Republican Party, Leadership Germantown 2001, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the American Judicature Society, and the National Association of Women Judges; and

WHEREAS, Cherrie Holden has been honored with the Shelby County Republican Woman Outstanding Member Award in 1994, as an Honorary Member of the Shelby County

Commission in 1995, and as a recipient of the 1996 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Chucalissa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the 1998 Grassroots Award from the Shelby County Republican Party, and the 1997 University of Memphis President's Award; she has been named honorary Chief Justice of the Tennessee General Assembly, received the Germantown Hometown Hero Award in 2000, and was named an honorary Tennessee Colonel by Governor Sundquist in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holden exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she and her husband of 21 years, Rich Holden, are the parents of sons Rich and Ben; and

WHEREAS, Tommie Pardue and Cherrie Holden are representative of the time-honored values of hard work, community activism and concern for fellow human beings that characterize Tennessee "Volunteers"; their indomitable determination, optimism, positive attitude, and personal courage serve as an inspiration to all who know them; there is one little known fact about these two women, who are said to look more like sisters; remarkably, they have been in love with the same men for many years: Tommie married Jerry Pardue and Cherrie married Rich Holden, and without their constant support and encouragement, Tommie and Cherrie could not have made the contributions that made this award possible; and

WHEREAS, The members of this legislative body are proud to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable mother and daughter; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Mrs. Tommie Pardue and Mrs. Cherrie Holden upon being named to *Memphis Woman* magazine's "50 Women Who Make A Difference" for 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer them our best wishes for every success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.